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## Arab Council condemns the US' unconscionable decision on Jerusalem

Arab Council Australia denounces President Donald Trump's decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem and to recognise it as Israel's capital.

"We call on the Australian Government to unequivocally condemn the US' decision on Jerusalem," said Ms Randa Kattan, the CEO of Arab Council Australia.

"President Trump's unilateral move risks sparking more violence in the region and everywhere else in the world. It is way out of step with international opinion and international law."

"The continued military occupation of East Jerusalem is illegal. Palestinians have been living under a harsh apartheid regime for decades, Israel's settlement on Palestinian land, its long-standing occupation and war crimes against the Palestinian people continue unabated. This latest interference by the US adds insult to injury and is yet another flagrant disregard for International law and for peace with justice. It gives Israel the thumbs up to do whatever it pleases by force with impunity."

"President Trump's decision shows what we have always known; that the United States is not an impartial broker and cares little for Palestinian aspirations or Arab opinion."

"We want our government to unequivocally condemn the United States unconscionable decision, as have so many other countries around the world," concluded Ms Kattan.

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